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17 EAST TIMORESE STUDENTS RELEASED, 5 TO FACE TRIAL IN JAKARTA

17 of the East Timorese students who have been dedtained in Metro Jaya Police Station since Novmebor 19 1991 after they took part in a demonstration protesting the Dili massacre, were released last week. On March 6 it was announced that the trials of the remaining 5 would bogin on March 12. HJC Princen is to give evidence at the trial, and has said that he will not be secreteive about his organisation s (LPHAM) relationship with the Timorese students, in particular the assistance ofered to them in the form of funds or in other forms. Evidence to come out in the trial may also have certain implications for other human rights organisations.
Those released are in a very weak physical condition, and two of them have liver and bladder complications. The 17 have been placed in a boarding house opposite the East Jakarta Mayor's Office in Jatinegara, East Jakarta, and are to be returned shortly to their respective places of study. Fernando de Araujo, who remains in detention and is to face trial for subversion, has also fallen ill as a result of the unsanitary conditions and lack of nurtritious food inside. Fernando's illnesses include kidney stones, liver complications, potential hepatitis, and urinary complications.

2 OF THE DILI VICTIMS TREATED IN GATOT SUBROTO HOSPITAL, JAKARTA.

Two people who were severely wounded in the Dioi Massacre have been transferred from Dili to Jakarta for treatment. A BTT source discovered that the two were boing treated at Gatot Subroto Hospital when he went there in search of a friend who had had his arm cut off by machinery at his workplace. The two transferred from Dili are Alexhandrino de Oliveira abnd Pascual da Costa, who are both having their legs treated for gunshot wounds. According to our source, the two are to be followed by four other wounded victms shortly to be transferred from Dili.

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